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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN INDIAN ENTITIES AND PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government has launched a massive drive for inviting foreign investments in Indian entities and projects;

(b) if so, the details of overseas investments secured this year so far; and

(c) the details of the guidelines laid down and directions issued in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Government has put in place a liberal & transparent FDI policy according to which FDI up to 100% under the automatic route is allowed in most sectors/activities. The FDI policy, including caps on foreign equity limits and procedures are reviewed on a continuing basis with a view to creating an improved investment regime for attracting higher FDI inflows.

(b) Cumulative FDI inflows during the period August 1991 to September 2006 is US $ 43.286 billion. During the current financial year (upto September 2006) FDI inflow is US $ 4.384 billion.

(c) The details are available in "Foreign Direct Investment Policy: April, 2006" available at http://www.dipp.gov.in/publications/fdi_policy_2006.pdf.